



Western Australian Coding Rule

0813/03 Tycron sutures

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How should tycron sutures in an orthopaedic operation be coded? As they are inserted into the bone should they be coded as ORIF?

A.

Tycron sutures are a form of non-absorbable suture fixation. They are an internal fixation performed as part of an ORIF. When Tycron sutures are used in certain fractures of the patella, they can avoid hardware complications and the need to remove implants at a later date.

DECISION

Tycron sutures inserted into the bone should be coded to open reduction and internal fixation (ORIF) of the site.

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